

FORUM MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
Held at the Mickleover Court Hotel
on 19th August 2004

PRESENT: - Please see attached attendance list

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Forum meeting were received from Councillor J. Lemmon (South Derbyshire District Council), Sharon Forton (Derbyshire Chamber) and Jeff Dolby (Environment Agency).

INTRODUCTIONS

Tony Hurrell, Chair of the LSP Board and Barrie Whyman, Vice-Chair of the LSP Board gave a brief introduction to the Forum. Tony Hurrell advised that the production of a Community Strategy was a Government requirement and aimed to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of the area and its inhabitants. It aimed to set a framework for service providers and local communities to work together and help local communities identify and improve issues, which were important to them. He outlined that two previous LSP Forum events had agreed a constitution and established the LSP Board. The LSP Board had developed a Vision, six themes and a framework for developing a Community Strategy for South Derbyshire. The overall Vision for the Community Strategy was "Working Together for a Better South Derbyshire". The following themes for the Community Strategy had been agreed: -

1. Safer Communities
2. Healthy Communities
3. A vibrant economy
4. A sustainable environment
5. Lifelong learning and culture
6. Creating opportunities for all

Ian Reid, Deputy Chief Executive (South Derbyshire District Council) advised those present how a draft strategy had been developed. The LSP Board had appointed a leader for each theme. A meeting of stakeholders had agreed the contacts and challenges for each theme. Theme leaders had agreed their section of the composite draft and Chimera Consultants had developed a consultation questionnaire to test out the issues and challenges raised in the draft Strategy.

THEMES 1 AND 2 – SAFER/HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Tony Hurrell, Derbyshire Police/Chair of the Crime and Disorder Partnership gave a presentation on the safer/healthy communities themes.

THEMES 3 AND 4 – A VIBRANT ECONOMY/A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Clive Keble, National Forest Company gave a presentation on the vibrant economy/sustainable environment themes.

THEMES 5 AND 6 – LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE/CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Jo Smith, Director of the South Derbyshire CVS gave a presentation on the lifelong learning and culture/creating opportunities for all themes.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Beverly Wagstaffe (South Derbyshire District Council) and Karen Jones (Trident Housing) gave a detailed presentation on the cross-cutting theme of Housing. Graham Hallam (Derbyshire County Council) gave a detailed presentation on “Every Child Matters” and the Children Bill – A New Era for the Planning and Delivery of Services to Children and Families.

CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

Adam Jeffery of Chimera Consultants circulated a Community Strategy Consultation Questionnaire survey document, the aim of which was to inform the development of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy by asking a series of questions to gauge local opinion regarding the current and future needs of the community.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

During the latter part of the Forum event those present attended various breakout sessions for relevant discussion. The breakout sessions aimed to establish challenges, priorities and actions and comments made were noted thereon.

CONCLUSION OF THE FORUM EVENT

To conclude, Frank McArdle, Chief Executive of the District Council and Tony Hurrell, Chair of the LSP Board thanked everyone for attending the Forum event and providing useful information and feedback for the formulation of the Community Strategy for South Derbyshire.

T. HURRELL

CHAIR

The event closed at 1.00 p.m.